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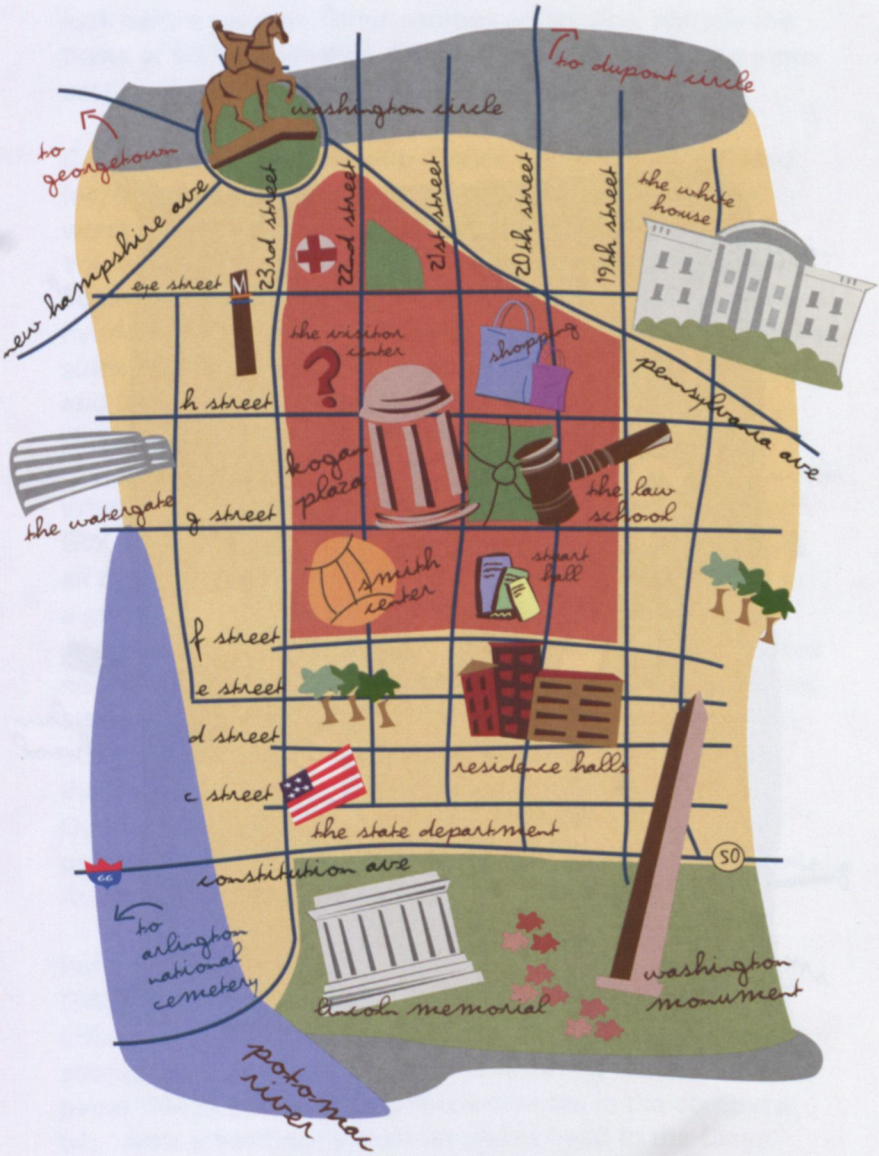

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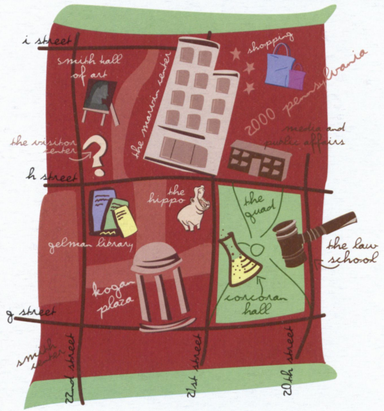


"a pathway through the heart of GW"

Colonial Corridor

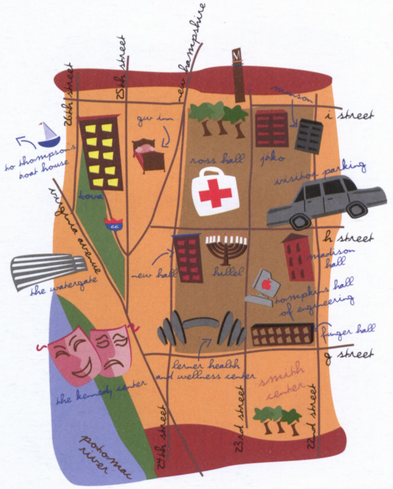
Begin at one of GW's most popular attractions – **the Hippo**! GW's unofficial mascot and our number one Colonial, George Washington, compete for student's affections during basketball games and campus-wide events. It's hard not to love this Hippo – a rub of his snout brings good luck before exams! Other campus celebrities, namely the hosts of CNN's Crossfire, can be found just across the intersection in the **MPA Building**.

Get in on a game of pick-up frisbee at the **University Yard** (or 'Quad' as it is affectionately called by students), but watch out for the five academic buildings surrounding it. You wouldn't want to break a window in the newly renovated law school or startle a chemistry student working with hydrochloric acid at **Corcoran Hall**. Our International Affairs students are used to the bustle outside of **Stuart**, **Lisner**, and **Bell Halls**; however, the excitement inside these classrooms supercede even the best Quad events.

Whether it's eating lunch by the fountain or taking 'classic' GW pics with friends by the Tempietto, GW students enjoy all that the Mid-Campus Quad has to offer. **Kogan Plaza** is a great place for anything from a demonstration to an ice cream cone on a warm spring day. It's conveniently located near **Gelman Library** for necessary study breaks and serves as a great group meeting spot for Business students nervously anticipating final presentations in **Monroe Hall** and the **Hall of Government**. Stroll through the Mid-Campus Quad at night and you just might bump into some of the greatest musicians and actors of all time at GW's **Lisner Auditorium**.

Put your thinking caps on. The **Academic Center** is one of GW's main learning centers. Here, you'll find Columbian College students meeting with their departmental advisors, attending classes, and putting the finishing touches on a paper that is due in exactly three minutes in the computer lab. After a hard day's work, students head to the **Cloyd Heck Marvin Center**, GW's student center, to blow off some steam. A student looking for entertainment just needs to go to the **Hippodrome** for some arcade games, bowling, and diner food. Those looking to grab a meal between classes can check out GW's main dining facility, **J Street**. With a myriad of food options, students can find anything in the food court from sushi to a Whopper.

Recreation Row



"where fitness and culture coexist"

Recreation Row

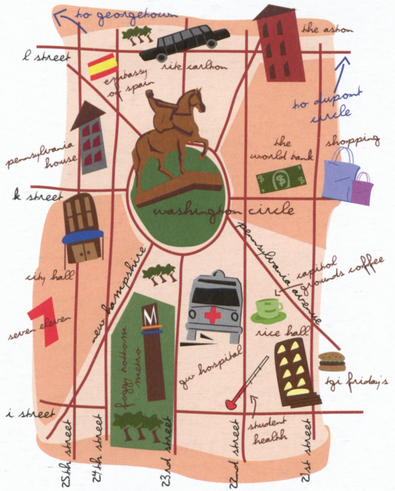
Begin at the residence hall dedicated to one of America's most beloved first ladies and GW alumna, **Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis**. Upperclassmen students in this hall, as well as **Munson Hall**, are thrilled to live on campus in apartment-style facilities. GW's residence halls are second to none.

Other distinguished alumni have taken classes at one of GW's largest academic buildings, **Funger Hall**. Whether it's a chemistry course or a statistics lab, students know that they are embarking on an academic adventure when they enter this building. If you listen closely, you may just hear a world renowned Political Science professor lecturing a class on his or her experiences developing a presidential campaign or working with a head of state. Around the corner, you may witness the building of an electric car or a steel bridge outside the main engineering facility, **Tompkins Hall**. Our Engineering students are always competing in (and often, winning) one national competition or another.

But be careful! Don't get in the way of a student running across the street after class to get on the elliptical rider, play a game of pick-up basketball, or grab a Power Bar in Varsity Place at the new state-of-the-art **Lerner Health and Wellness Center**. This facility houses six floors of athletic amenities including a lap pool, steam and sauna rooms, international squash, racquetball, and basketball courts, a jogging track, and a number of other services. Around the corner stands one of GW's newest residence halls – **New Hall**. Just outside, look for the **American Meridian**, a demarcation used by the U.S. from 1848-1884 to mark the center of the world!

Just down the street, you may spot a group of students all dressed up for a night on the town – dinner at the **Watergate** complex and a free theatre performance at the **Kennedy Center** Millennium Stage. These two Foggy Bottom strongholds sit just on the edge of GW's campus. **Hall on Virginia Avenue** residents are lucky to live just across the street from these two famous DC landmarks.

Community Corner



"where GW and DC converge"

Community Corner

Begin at **Rice Hall** – the heart of GW's administration. Hang outside for a while and you are likely to encounter President Trachtenberg or a Vice President talking with a student leader about creating a new student organization or planning a GW event. The **Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid offices** are also located here, so stop by if you have any questions. If you work up an appetite after your trip to Admissions or Financial Aid, grab a burger or GW student's favorite Oreo Madness at **T.G.I. Friday's**. While you are there, you can redefine your 'look' with a new 'do' at the **2100 Pennsylvania Avenue** hair salon, drop off your dry cleaning, or open a checking account with **NIH Federal Credit Union**. Students have a ton of close, off-campus options in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

Watch out while driving, **Washington Circle** can be a bit of a challenge! The circle is a famous DC landmark and occasional gathering spot for sorority and fraternity events. Pennsylvania Avenue takes you right to the famous M Street in Georgetown – a popular hangout for students. If you have a chance, walk or take the Georgetown shuttle from the GW metro – it's a great place to dine, shop, and take in DC sights.

Down the block you will see two (you are not imagining things) **GW hospitals** across the street from one another! GW medical staff saved President Reagan's life when he was shot in 1981 and has kept Vice President Cheney in good health since his term began. The new hospital (opening Summer 2002), is located right next to the **Foggy Bottom Metro stop**. Speaking of the Metro, GW students have convenient access to almost anywhere in DC, Northern Virginia, and Maryland via this subway system. You will find hordes of students meeting up at "the Metro" to get to a Dave Matthews concert at RFK stadium or go shopping at Pentagon City Fashion Centre. Right in front of the Metro, you will also find one of the four **George Washington busts** on campus. Each statue acts as a rough delineation of campus boundaries.

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Power Belt

"spirit that lies within our campus"

Power Belt

Begin at one of the largest apartment complexes in Washington, **Columbia Plaza**. This five building configuration houses a large number of GW graduate and undergraduate students. If you walk into the plaza, you will see a number of students dining at a favorite eatery, Sizzling Express, or laying out on their balconies trying to soak up some rays. You may also find groups of students adorned in buff and blue leaving their buildings to head to the **Smith Center** for a basketball game. Go Colonials!

After the game, students might be interested in a picnic in **Anniversary Park** – one of GW's most popular student hangouts. Anniversary Park, dedicated on the 175th anniversary of the University, is often the scene of group meetings on a sunny day or a great escape for student athletes living across the street in **Guthridge Hall**.

Just around the block, you will find the construction site for the new **Red Cross** building – one of the most global non-profit organizations ever. Just across the street is the new **Elliott of School of International Affairs** – a true living and learning community with both residential and classroom facilities. What a great place to study international affairs—just blocks from the **State Department**, **White House**, and **World Bank**.

Just across the street from the World Bank stands GW's largest residence hall, **Thurston Hall**. Thurston is comprised of over 1,000 freshmen and was once nicknamed the "superdorm." Stand outside for a while and you will get a sense of the buzz that is created by such a large and dynamic group of first-year students. When Thurston residents get hungry, they can just head down the street to the **University Club**. The Club offers membership to students, faculty, and staff for both fine dining and casual eating options. It is also a great place for alumni to refuel after they check in at the **Alumni House** (the former F Street Club and presidential hangout) on a trip back to campus.

Foxhall Hills

"GW's own field of dreams"

Foxhall Hills

Begin at the **Student Development Center**, the heart of student life at the Mount Vernon campus. Pick up information about upcoming events, often held on these plush green fields. College life isn't all fun and games though, so check out **Eckles Library's** famous collections on interior design and architecture. When finished with a long night of studying, students enjoy relaxing in the newly renovated **Somers** residence hall featuring high speed Internet access and other state-of-the-art amenities.

As you make your way to the all-you-can-eat buffet at **Ames Dining Hall**, toss a penny into another famous **GW fountain** and make a wish for victory in our next softball, lacrosse, or soccer game. After a long game, team members and their fans celebrate at the **Mount Vernon Pub** – often crowded with GW students attending one of the many coffeehouse series performances.

On your way to the visitors' entrance, take a dip in the pool or stop by the new **tennis facility** for a quick match. These two facilities act as great stress relievers for students during the school year. Another way to blow off some steam is to cheer for the Colonials as they compete on the perfectly manicured **lacrosse and soccer fields**. But don't worry about spending some extra time here when a game goes into overtime, the shuttle brings students and visitors to Foggy Bottom every 20 minutes.

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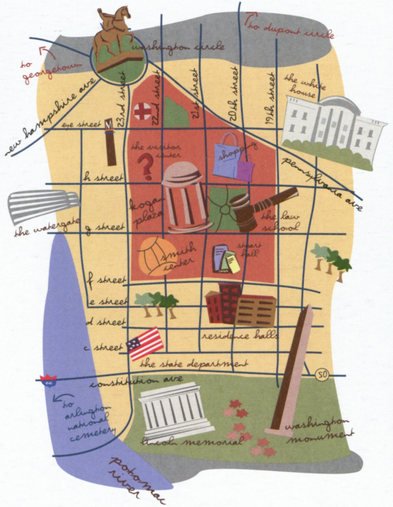

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